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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL AIRLIFT OF RICE AND CIVIL POL
TO CAMBODIA

REF: PHNOM PENH 3241

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE STATE PREPARED TO USE NOW IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT FOOD AND POL SITUATION IN
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PHNOM PENH UNTIL THE NEW AIRLIFT BEGINS.

2. QUESTION: WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO BRING FOOD AND OTHER CIVILIAN ITEMS INTO PHNOM PENH?

ANSWER: IN ORDER TO FORESTALL SHORTAGES ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO CONTRACT WITH TWO AMERICAN COMMERCIAL AIR CARRIERS TO BRING RICE AND FUEL INTO PHNOM PENH. PRESENT STOCKS ARE ADEQUATE BUT WITH RICE PARTICULARLY, DISTRIBUTION AND PRICE ARE PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT MUST DEAL. AS SOON AS THE DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED THEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

3. NOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT WE SUGGEST BE MADE BY EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH AS SOON AS AIRLIFT BEGINS. STATE

MAKE TEXT AVAILABLE HERE AFTER YOUR RELEASE. NOTIFY US OF PLANNED RELEASE TIME.

4. QUESTION: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT AN AIRLIFT OF RICE AND FUEL INTO PHNOM PENH HAS STARTED. CAN YOU GIVE US

THE DETAILS?

ANSWER: ON FEB. 27 IN ORDER TO FORESTALL FUTURE SHORTAGES WE BEGAN AIRLIFTING RICE AND FUEL FOR CIVILIAN USES INTO PHNOM PEN. CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED WITH TWO AMERICAN COMMERCIAL CARRIERS--WORLD AIRWAYS AND TRANSFLIGHT INTERNATIONAL--WHICH PROVIDE FOR THREE PLANES A DAY INITIALLY AND UP TO FIVE PLANES DAILY FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 30 DAYS. THESE WILL BE DC-8S PRIMARILY, WHICH WILL FLY BETWEEN SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH. THE VALUE OF THE CONTRACT IS APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH COMES FROM FISCAL YEAR 1975, NON-MILITARY-AID-TO CAMBODIA FUNDS. HOWEVER, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS HANDLING THE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE AMERICAN CARRIERS AND CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS IF NEEDED.

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